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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6689

BILL NUMBER: HB 1178

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 21, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Returning National Guard.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bartlett

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard to require a member of the Indiana National Guard who completes a United States Department of Defense form "Post-Deployment Health Reassessment" (PDHRA) to participate in a face-to-face clinical interview with a trained health care provider concerning the Indiana National Guard member's PDHRA. (Currently, the Department of Defense provides that a PDHRA clinical interview may be conducted in person or over the telephone.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Indiana National Guard reports the Post-Deployment Health Reassessment program currently offered is federally funded and authorized by federal regulation. Codifying this current practice into Indiana Code will not have a fiscal impact unless federal regulations or federal funding for the PDHRA program changes in the future.

Background Information: Currently the Indiana National Guard requires National Guard members to undergo a PDHRA, both upon return and six months after they return from a conflict abroad. According to the National Guard, these assessments are currently performed face-to-face for the initial PDHRA, and the second assessment may be completed either in person or by other means that are not face-to-face (i.e., over the Internet or via phone). According to the National Guard, the second assessment is strongly encouraged to be completed in person.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana National Guard.

Local Agencies Affected:

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